

SENATE BILL 178

By Jackson

AN ACT to name a segment of U. S. Highway 70 in Dickson County in honor of the late Lance Corporal Jeffery Adam Bishop, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Lance Corporal (LCpl) Jeffery Adam Bishop, United States Marine Corps, who was made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Bishop followed the patriotic tradition for which Dickson County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, Jeffery Adam Bishop was born March 15, 1984, to Birdie Moran Bishop and the late Edward Gray Bishop, Jr., and married Emma Katherine Peery on November 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, after proudly joining the United States Marine Corps, Lance Corporal Bishop served one tour of duty in Afghanistan and two tours in Iraq, serving valiantly and making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; he received the following awards: three Combat Action Ribbons, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, two Global War on Terrorism Service Medals, Iraq Campaign Medal, three Sea Service Employment Ribbons, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Accommodations Medal, Rifle Marksmen Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Lance Corporal Bishop did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and free the Afghani and Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jeffery Adam Bishop served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Bishop's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, as a permanent memorial to the life of purpose and commitment that Lance Corporal Jeffery Adam Bishop led, the members of the Dickson County Commission have most earnestly recommended to this Body that a segment of U.S. Highway 70 in their county be named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of U.S. Highway 70 in Dickson County from such highway's intersection with North Charlotte Street to its intersection with Dykeman Road is hereby designated the "LCpl Jeffrey Adam Bishop Memorial Highway" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Lance Corporal Jeffery Adam Bishop, United States Marine Corps.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "LCpl Jeffrey Adam Bishop Memorial Highway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. The appellation "LCpl Jeffrey Adam Bishop Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this act as the "LCpl Jeffrey Adam Bishop Memorial Highway".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.